

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, John Lor and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Catherine Emmanuelle, Roderick Jones, and David Klinkhammer. The following Council Member was absent: Andrew Werthmann.

UPDATE

Update by Acting Interim City Manager Winzenz regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, August 24, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Special Olympics Wisconsin to conduct the Little Buckshot Run on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at Carson Park and along City trails and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Special Olympics Wisconsin to conduct the Buckshot Run on Saturday, September 4, 2021 in Carson Park and along City trails and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct the International Fall Festival on Saturday, September 11, 2021 in Downtown Eau Claire along City streets and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2021-2023 licensing period.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Special Olympics Wisconsin, Marc Cadieux, President, on September 4, 2021 in the area between Oak and Pine Pavilions at Carson Park for the Buckshot Run for Special Olympics.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Special Olympics Wisconsin, Marc Cadieux, President, on August 31, 2021 in the area between Oak and Pine Pavilions at Carson Park for the Little Buckshot Run for Special Olympics.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine license to Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild, 102 W. Grand Avenue, John Murphy, President, on September 18, 2021, at 1106 Mondovi Road for a Forage Fest event.

- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Intoxicating Liquor (Cider only) license of Cenergy, LLC, d/b/a Mega Holiday #3704, 2119 Cameron Street, from Trey D. Depolis to Billie J. Kaiser be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Curling Inc., d/b/a Eau Claire Curling Club, 5530 Fairview Drive from Nathan Oster to John Bast IV.
- Granting the renewal of the six-month Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license of Eau Claire Curling, Inc., d/b/a Eau Claire Curling Club, 5530 Fairview Drive, John Bast IV, agent.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class B Cabaret licensed premise of Gruen's Hobbsys, LLC, d/b/a Hobbsy & Me, 3620 Locust Lane, to include a fenced-in area for a one-day Annual BBQ Cookoff contest on September 11, 2021.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Hanger 54 Grill, LLC, d/b/a Hanger 54 Grill, 3800 Starr Avenue, for a Business After Hours Chamber Event on September 13, 2021.
- Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for grant monies through Compeer Financial's Emergency Response Equipment Grant Program for the purchase of equipment.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-03, Southwest Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Replacement.
- Authorizing the City to acquire through tax deed Parcel No. 10-1093 located at 1055 Zephyr Hill Avenue.
- Authorizing the City to accept a permanent easement from Northern States Power Company for part of the property located at 0 Starr Avenue, Parcel No. 11-0907-A.
- Declaring land at 425 and 429 Forest Street (Parcel Nos. 08-0170 and 08-0169) excess land and authorizing the sale to Apolinar Solis-Paez and Maria Reyes.
- Authorizing an agreement with Sustainable Institute, Inc., operating as Urban Wood Network – Wisconsin (UWN-Wisconsin), to recycle City wood products to user groups within the UWN.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LICENSE

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and a Cabaret A license to Ashcam, LLC, d/b/a Westside Bar & Grill, 1807 N. Clairemont Avenue, Jeremy Crowell, agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the transfer of land between the City of Eau Claire and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Eau Claire to be used for trails and parks in the area currently known as Kessler Park and the Cannery District. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution vacating a portion of the east side of Fifth Avenue, between Fulton Street and Chestnut Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to postpone” to the September 27 & 28, 2021 Council meetings. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BOND ISSUANCE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$26,700,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021A, of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding the bonds to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,735,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021B, of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of note, awarding the notes to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,530,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021C, of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding the bonds to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the North Barstow/Medical BID allowing the installation of a digital kiosk and wooden artistic structure on a small City parcel near the Haymarket Plaza footbridge along Riverside Terrace. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with Merge Urban Development as part of the Community Development Incentive (CDI) grant award from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to apply for Federal funding from the Areas of Persistent Poverty Program through the Federal Transit Administration. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance amending the general development plan for twin homes and twin duplexes regarding front yard setback for a property located at the end of Christopher Drive (Z-1305-04 Amd). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Chirstopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to indefinitely postpone.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Gragert, Jones, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Absent: Council Member Emmanuelle.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 627 Wagner Avenue from I-1 to R-2 (Z-1698-21).

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located on State Highway 53, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-6A (Eau Claire County Highway Department Annexation).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: August 24, 2021

Time: 5:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
Deputy City Clerk